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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

January 12, 2005

Chairman Michael K. Powell
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *NARUC's Nomination of The Honorable Paul Afonso of Massachusetts, Larry Landis of Indiana, and The Honorable Connie Hughes of New Jersey to the Federal State Joint Conference on Advanced Services.*

In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services. CC Docket No. 99-294

Dear Chairman Powell,

The Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services was created by the FCC October 8, 1999. On December 23, 2003, the FCC increased the size of the Joint Conference to include representatives from seven State commissions. Recently, Montana Commissioner Bob Rowe, Louisiana Commissioner Irma Dixon, and Alaska Commissioner Nan Thompson left public service to pursue other opportunities. Those departures leave vacant three positions for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner's ("NARUC's") representatives to fill on this critically important federal advisory committee.

In accordance with Section 25 of NARUC's *Policy Governing Committees and Representatives*, I nominate THE HONORABLE PAUL AFONSO OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE HONORABLE LARRY LANDIS OF INDIANA, AND THE HONORABLE CONNIE HUGHES OF NEW JERSEY to fill the vacancies listed above.

If you have any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to call me at 360.664.1173 or mshowalter@wutc.wa.gov, or please feel free to contact Brad Ramsay at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Sincerely,

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President

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